

Trial Court Funding - Maintenance of Effort (MOE)

DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

On January 1, 1998, AB233, the Lockyer – Isenberg Trial Court Funding Act of 1997 went into effect in the State of California. This bill fundamentally changed how the trial courts are funded by transferring primary responsibility for funding the courts to the state, including sole responsibility for funding future growth in court operations costs. In addition, it requires counties to make a capped maintenance of effort (MOE) payment to the state each year for operations of the courts. The MOE contribution of \$28,390,295 is made up of two components. The expenditure component of \$20,227,102 represents the adjusted 1994-95 county expenses for court operations and the revenue component of \$8,163,193 is based on the fine and forfeiture revenue sent to the state in 1994-95. In return, the state allowed the counties to retain many of those same fines and forfeitures to help fund their MOE payments with the provision that collections that exceed the amount of the revenue MOE be shared equally between the state and the county.

There is no staffing associated with this budget unit.

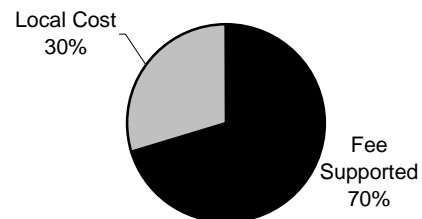
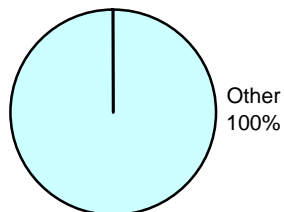
BUDGET AND WORKLOAD HISTORY

	Actual 2002-03	Budget 2003-04	Actual 2003-04	Final 2004-05
Total Requirements	33,759,418	34,090,295	36,063,535	35,725,112
Departmental Revenue	26,850,202	23,721,081	28,763,962	25,098,622
Local Cost	6,909,216	10,369,214	7,299,573	10,626,490

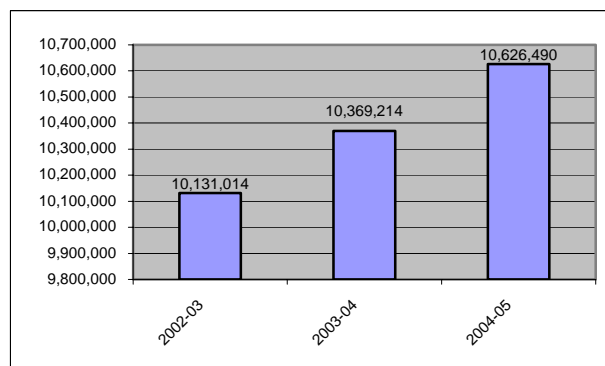
Variance of 2003-04 actual from budget was due to two major causes. The collections of court fines and document recording fees exceeded the amount budgeted. This in turn increased the amount of the payment to the state for its share of the excess collections. Additionally, a recent Trial Court Funding law mandated that all counties contribute payments to the state totaling \$31 million in lieu of the state taking the counties' various undesignated revenues, which would be a much higher amount. Appropriations were not budgeted for our county's payment of \$1,134,812.

2004-05 BREAKDOWN BY EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY

2004-05 BREAKDOWN BY FINANCING SOURCE



2004-05 LOCAL COST TREND CHART



GROUP: Law & Justice
DEPARTMENT: Trial Court Funding-Maintenance of Eff
FUND: General

BUDGET UNIT: AAA TRC
FUNCTION: Public Protection
ACTIVITY: Judicial

	2003-04 Actuals	2003-04 Approved Budget	2004-05 Board Approved Base Budget	2004-05 Board Approved Changes to Base Budget	2004-05 Final Budget
Appropriation					
Other Charges	34,755,850	32,890,295	34,025,107	500,005	34,525,112
Total Appropriation	34,755,850	32,890,295	34,025,107	500,005	34,525,112
Operating Transfers Out	1,307,685	1,200,000	1,022,464	177,536	1,200,000
Total Requirements	36,063,535	34,090,295	35,047,571	677,541	35,725,112
Departmental Revenue					
Fines and Forfeitures	7,953,555	7,217,600	7,217,600	62,400	7,280,000
Current Services	20,810,407	16,503,481	17,203,481	615,141	17,818,622
Total Revenue	28,763,962	23,721,081	24,421,081	677,541	25,098,622
Local Cost	7,299,573	10,369,214	10,626,490	-	10,626,490

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SCHEDULE A

MAJOR CHANGES TO THE BUDGET

	Budgeted Staffing	Appropriation	Departmental Revenue	Local Cost
2003-04 FINAL BUDGET	-	34,090,295	23,721,081	10,369,214
Cost to Maintain Current Program Services				
Salaries and Benefits Adjustments	-	-	-	-
Internal Service Fund Adjustments	-	-	-	-
Prop 172	-	-	-	-
Other Required Adjustments	-	(177,536)	-	(177,536)
Subtotal	-	(177,536)	-	(177,536)
Board Approved Adjustments During 2003-04				
30% Spend Down Plan	-	-	700,000	(700,000)
Mid-Year Board Items	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	-	-	700,000	(700,000)
Impacts Due to State Budget Cuts	-	1,134,812	-	1,134,812
TOTAL BOARD APPROVED BASE BUDGET	-	35,047,571	24,421,081	10,626,490
Board Approved Changes to Base Budget	-	677,541	677,541	-
TOTAL 2004-05 FINAL BUDGET	-	35,725,112	25,098,622	10,626,490

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FUND: General
BUDGET UNIT: AAA TRC

SCHEDULE B

BOARD APPROVED CHANGES TO BASE BUDGET

Brief Description of Board Approved Changes	Budgeted Staffing	Appropriation	Departmental Revenue	Local Cost
1. Increase in payment to the state for increased fine collections. Each year the county has experienced increased collections of various fines and fees. Based on trial court funding statutes, any increased collections that exceed the revenue component of the MOE must be shared equally between the state and the county. This increase in appropriation is recommended to allow payment to the state for the anticipated excess level of collections during 2004-05. Should the increase in revenues not materialize, the increase in the payment to the state would not be required.	-	500,005	500,005	-
2. Increase in operating transfer to special revenue fund. 25% of the county's share of the increased collections of fines and fees is transferred to a special revenue fund to help finance the seismic retrofit of the Central Courthouse and T-wing.	-	177,536	177,536	-
Total	-	677,541	677,541	-

